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Wolfgang Schmidbauer et al. )  
Serial No. 10/049,948 )  
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MELTING AND REFINING INORGANIC )  
COMPOUNDS, ESPECIALLY GLASSES AND )  
GLASS CERAMICS )

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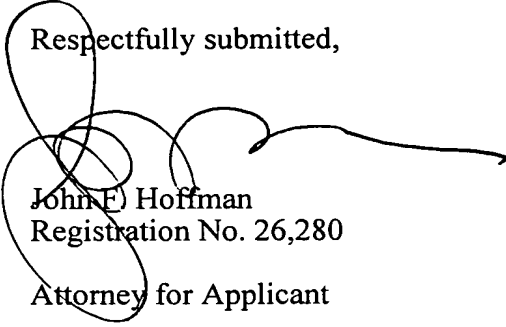
REMARKS

Japanese Patent No. 57-095834, European Patent No. 0 079 266, and U.S. Patent No. 3,244,495 are cited in International Preliminary Examination Report dated September 17, 2001 in PCT/EP00/07652. Japanese Patent No. 57-095834, U.S. Patent No. 4,195,982 and No. 3,244,495 are cited in an International Search Report dated October 18, 2000 in PCT/EP00/07652. Japanese Patent No. 57-095834 is also cited in an Office Action dated March 30, 2000 in German Patent Application No. 199 39 779.1. U.S. Patent No. 5,367,532 is the English language equivalent of PCT Published Application No. WO 92/15531. U.S. Patent No. 4,471,488 is the English language equivalent of European Patent No. 0 079 266. U.S. Patent No. 4,687,646 is the English language equivalent of German Patent No. 33 16 546.

Also enclosed is an English language translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report dated September 17, 2001 in PCT/EP00/07652.

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